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LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to write in reference to a communication by the Permanent Representative of Burundi, circulated as a document of the Security Council (S/1999/1118) and dated 3 November 1999, concerning the findings of an alleged investigation by the authorities in Burundi in recent killings of United Nations personnel in that country.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania deeply regrets and condemns the cold blooded murder of the United Nations personnel and innocent Burundian civilians, as it does attempts by the military authorities in Burundi to exonerate themselves of responsibility by associating the name of my country with the murderous attack.

Tanzania believes that the recent atrocities committed in Burundi are a continuing manifestation of the instability and insecurity facing Burundi, which have exerted a heavy price on the lives of Burundian citizens and, as in the present case, the United Nations itself, and imposed a heavy burden of refugees on our country. Tanzania continues to believe, as does the United Nations, that peace and stability in Burundi can only be guaranteed by a political settlement involving all of its citizens. This is why we continue to urge dialogue and political accommodation as the basis for a viable and sustainable solution to the problems Burundi faces.

Tanzania remains committed to supporting Burundi in the search for a peaceful settlement to its political problems. This is a course the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will not alter even in the face of such outrageous allegations purporting to claim that the perpetrators of the recent atrocities involving the death of United Nations personnel came from Tanzania, allegations which we reject vigorously.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

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